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1. Title of Invention:

Mutated Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor as a selectable cell surface marker.

2. Brief Description of Invention:

Describe the invention, include any drawings, chemical structures, equipment designs, process steps. Experimental data may be included.

The present invention provides a method to use mutated versions of the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) as a selectable cell surface marker. The EGFR was mutated in the extracellular as well as the intracellar domain in such a way that neither ligand binding nor signal transduction through this receptor occurs (see Fig.1 mutated EGFRII). This will therefore render the molecule inert. Thus, introduction of this mutated EGFR in eukaryotic cells e.g. cells of hematopoictic or others should provide a safe means to identify and select mutated EGFR expressing cells with an antibody directed against the mutated EGFR. Other molecules that were similarly rendered inert by mutating the intracellular and extracellular domain include Muscle specific receptor receptor tyrosine kinase (MuSK) or the yamino butyric acid receptor a 1/2 (GABAR_g1/2). These mutated molecules can be also used as selectable marker.

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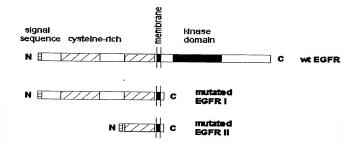


Fig.1. This figure shows the mutations that were introduced in the EGFR to render the molecule inert. EGFRI has a mutation/deletion in the intracellular domain only. EGFRII has an additional mutation/deletion in the extracellular domain.

3. Novel Aspects:

Describe novel aspects of invention, i.e., how it is new and different.

The invention is new in that human cell surface molecules e.g. EGFR, MuSK, GABAR, 1/2 are used, which have not been used in the past for this kind of application.

Previously, cell surface molecules that were used as cell surface markers were mutated in their intracellular domain to avoid signaling of these newly introduced molecules when they would bind to their ligand. However, upon binding of to their ligands these intracellularly mutated molecules could potentially still heterodimerize with endogenous receptors and could therefore result in a dominant negative effect (see Fig.1/mutated EGFRI. This molecule has been previously described in patent WO 93/05148 as a mutant EGFR that is called HERCD-533 and that is devoid of signaling activity.) To avoid this problem we also mutated parts of the extracellular domain to prevent ligand binding (see Fig. 1 mutated EGFRII). However, extracellular mutations were done in such a way that antibody binding to the extracellular domain can still occur and therefore effective identification and selection of marker gene carrying cells is possible. This therefore adds another new safety feature to the usage of these molecules as cell surface markers.

4. Pertinent References of Which You are Aware:

List literature (including abstracts), patent applications, patents, and presentations, with respect to efforts to deal with the kind of problem your invention is designed to solve.

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Patents: WO93/05148, PCT/EP94/02687

5. Utility of Invention:

Describe any other possible applications of the invention beyond the intended primary application. Describe any commercial aspects of the invention.

The selectable marker will be part of a product, either cell e.g. hemopoietic stem cell or vector system. Thus the commercial value will depend on the product the selectable marker is sold with.

6. Date of Invention:

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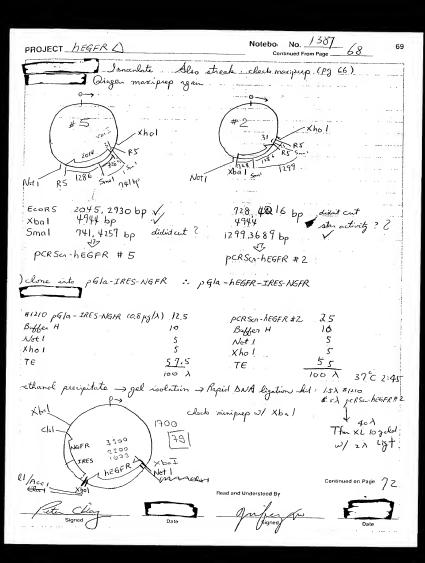
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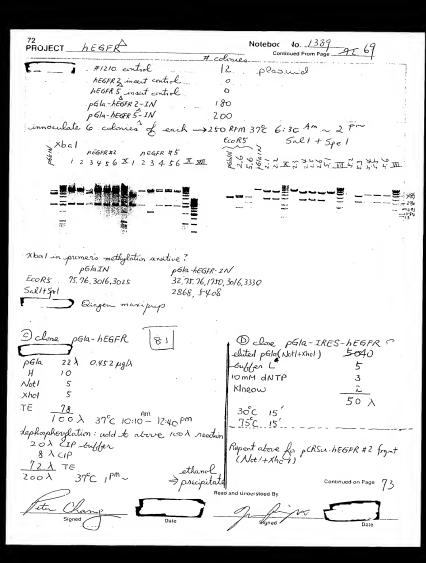
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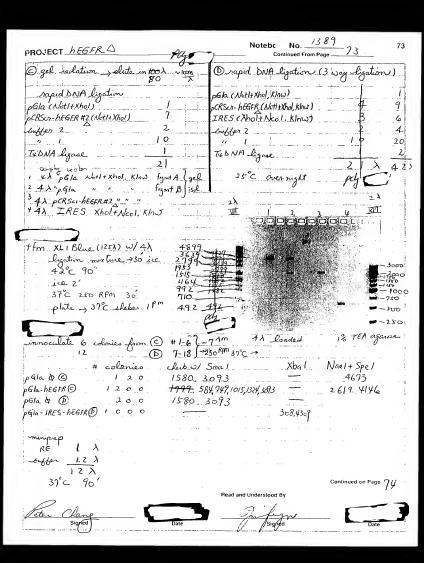
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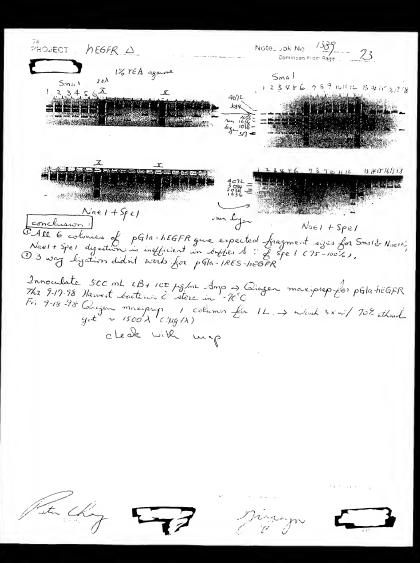
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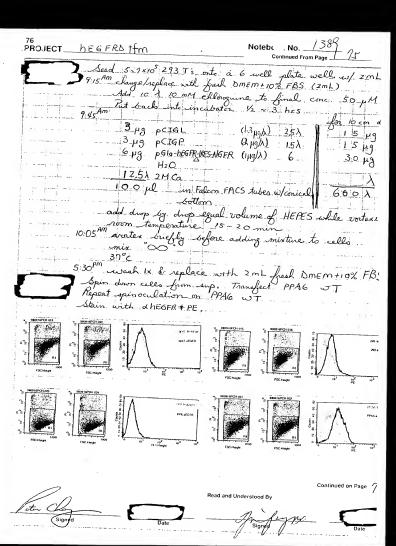
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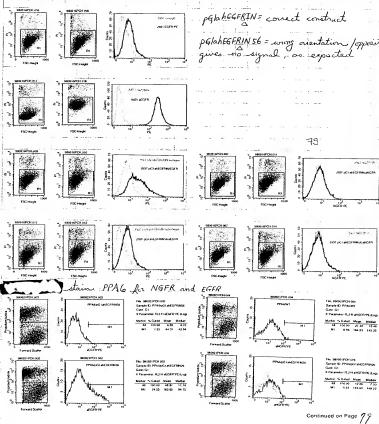






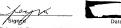






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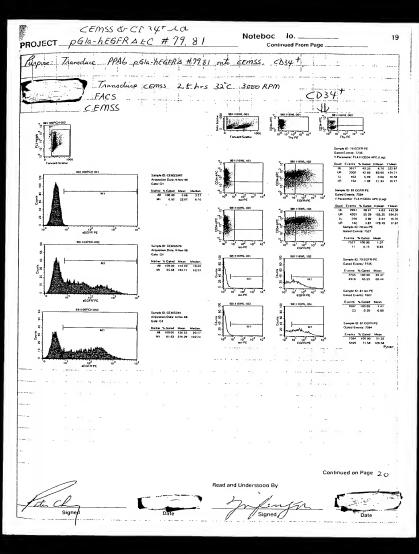
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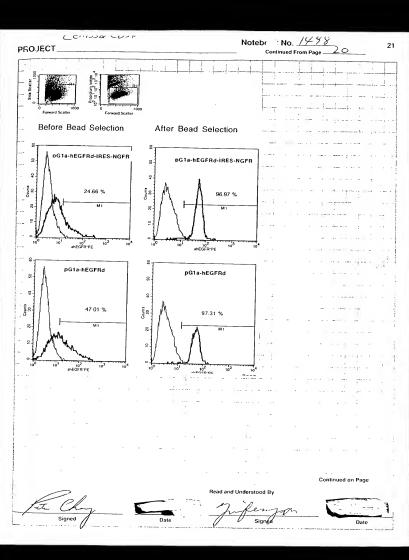
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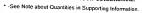
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Sequence (5' to	3'); CTA GGC TAG C	AT GCG ACC	CTC CGG GAC GGC C			
Molecular Weigh		9993.2		μg per OD:	31.1	
Millimolar Extino	tion Coeff.:(OD/µmol)	320.5		nmoles per OD:	3.1	
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Researcher:	Susanne Pippig			Scale of Synthes		
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Molecular Weigh		13742.4		µg per OD:	29.5	
Millimolar Extinct	tion Coeff.:(OD/µmol)	465.6		nmoles per OD:	2.1	
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Tm (1 M Na+)		91		μg's*	887.97	
Tm (50 mM Na+)	69		nmoles	64.6	
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Purity Standard	OD's 9.44
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Tm (50 mM Na+) 47	nmoles 42.2
% GC 47	Coupling Eff. 98%
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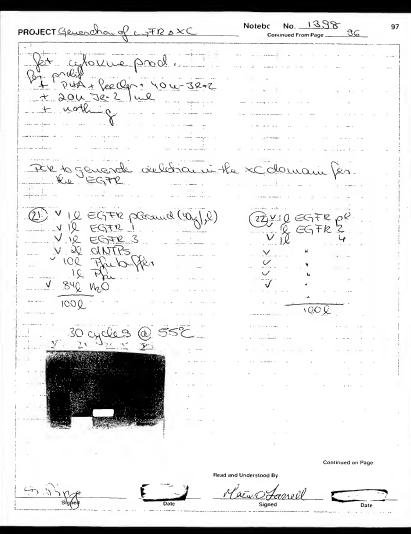
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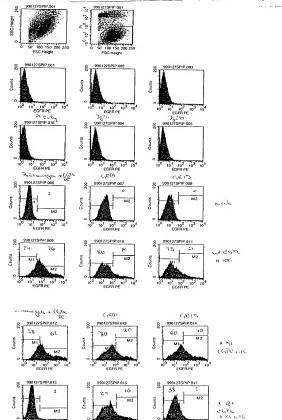
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